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THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

SAC performance

Comedian and singer-song-writer Bo Burnham will perform at the University on Wednesday. The performance will begin at 7 p.m., at the Charles Johnson theater, located in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. Tickets are no longer available at the Student Service Desk. The performance is free to students and \$5 to the public.

Training Session

Northwest students, faculty and staff interested in attending the University's Annual Legislative Reception this month need to attend one of two remaining training sessions. The sessions will be held today at 5 p.m. in Valk 90 and Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. in the board room on the third floor of the Student Union.

COMMUNITY

MHS Football

After four years in Class 2, the 'Hounds will move back up to Class 3 based on the MSHSAA biannual redistricting. The change comes on the heels of the 'Hounds State Championship victory.

BEARCATS

Friday
-Women's Track and Field at the Central Missouri Mule Relays in Warrensburg, Mo.

Saturday
-Women's Basketball vs. Pittsburg St., 1:30 p.m. in Pittsburg, Kan.
-Men's Basketball vs. Pittsburg St., 3:30 p.m. in Pittsburg, Kan.
-Men's Track and Field at the Central Missouri Mule Relays in Warrensburg, Mo.
-Softball vs. Evangel, 1 p.m. in Springfield, Mo.
-Softball vs. Drury, 5 p.m. in Springfield, Mo.

Sunday
-Softball vs. Lincoln, 11 a.m. in Springfield, Mo.
-Softball vs. Drury, 1 p.m. in Springfield, Mo.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Thursday
-Girls' Basketball vs. Smithville, 5:30 p.m. at Maryville High School

Friday
-Boys' Basketball vs. Smithville, 5:30 p.m. in Smithville, Mo.

Saturday
-Wrestling in the Albany Tournament, 9:30 a.m. in Albany, Mo.

Monday
-Boys' Basketball vs. Clarinda, 5 p.m. in Clarinda, Iowa

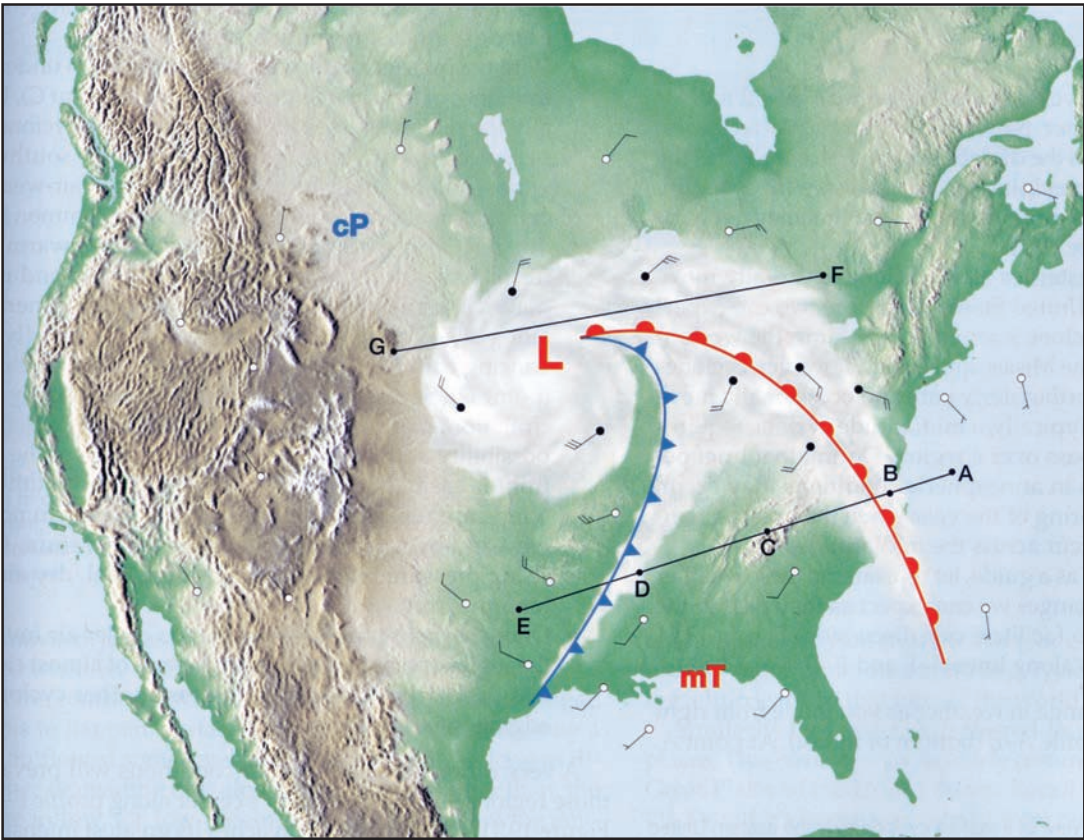
Tuesday
-Girls' Basketball vs. Chillicothe, 5 p.m. in Chillicothe, Mo.

CORRECTION

This Saturday the Java Joint will host musicians Elise Jones, Mike Martin and Ben Schrag in "A Triple Shot of Acoustic Music." There is no cover charge; however, donations will be appreciated. Last week's Northwest Missourian said the concert wasn't until Feb. 26.

STRANGE WEATHER IN MARYVILLE

LET IT SNOW, SLEET, RAIN AND SNOW AGAIN



Fronts over Maryville create random weather

By Trey Williams
Asst. News Editor

Living in the Midwest never serves as an easy task, especially with weather that keeps everyone wondering whether to slip on the flip-flops or lace up the snow boots. Maryville, being in the northern region of the state, gets some crazy weather when the two fronts that hover over the Midwest start to do work. Geology instructor Jeff Bradley knows better than most, the reason for Maryville's extreme highs and lows. "We're in the perfect area geographically when those fronts start mixing," Bradley said. "Warm, humid air comes in from the south occasionally and then a few days later you get cold, dryer air coming in from Canada." According to Bradley, these fronts cross over Maryville

about once a week. He defines a weather front as a boundary between two different air masses, warm humid air on one side and cold dryer air on the other. There are some people, like freshman Kristopher Thomas, who cannot get used to Missouri's somewhat weird climate changes. "I'm from Houston so I'm not used to this cold," Thomas said. "Ever since I've been here, people have said if you don't like the weather just wait five minutes and it'll change." Although it is not quite that extreme, climates can drastically change from week to week and sometimes even day to day. To others who are Missouri natives, the drastic change in weather is no big deal. Freshman Ryan Robertson said he's used to it because he has lived in Missouri all his life.

"The fact that it's warm and then cold and then warm is actually pretty normal," Bradley said. "It would be more unusual if it just stayed cold the whole time in the winter." Bradley likes to tell his classes that it's kind of like we're on a weather roller coaster with snow one day and rain the next. But like he said, to an extent that is normal. Though Maryville has been known to get extremely cold weather, of late it has been a bit out of the ordinary. "It's been a little bit more extreme than normal but nothing drastically off base," Bradley said. He said Nodaway County normally gets an average of two feet of snow for the entire winter season. So far the snow has stacked up close to three feet and he says there is still six to eight weeks to go.

MARYVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

'The Choking Game' raises awareness for officials

By Austin Buckner
News Editor

Maryville Middle School officials are taking preventative measures against a potentially dangerous game commonly played amongst middle school-aged children. The Choking Game, as it is most commonly referred, is a dangerous activity that gained popularity in the early 1990s. According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, at least 82 children and adolescents have died as a result of the Choking Game in the past 15 years. Of these 82 deaths, roughly 89 percent were between the ages of 11-16. This is a statistic that doesn't sit well with Maryville Middle School principal Kevin Pitts. After a recent game-related incident occurred late last month, Pitts has worked to make his students aware of the serious effects of the game. "Essentially what (the Choking Game) does is it cuts the oxygen off to the brain and then it causes you to either feel light headed or pass out and give you some kind of rush," Pitts said. "Many kids don't understand that sometimes that can be fatal if it's done to the extreme." Northwest Wellness Center coordinator Mallory Budden detailed the seriousness of the short term and long term effects the lack of oxygen has on the human brain. "With the short term effects they can have headaches, be disoriented, feel groggy and obviously have bruising at the sight," Budden said. "Sometimes they can also start to exhibit more aggression. They can also have some bloodshot eyes. Long term, of course, is death - which is the biggest concern." Pitts said prior to the most recent Choking Game incident, there had not been evidence of game activity in seven to eight years in the Maryville area. While Pitts doesn't consider the game to turn into an epidemic, he encourages area families to speak with their children on the dangers of the game. "When we received notification that a situation had happened outside the school, we notified the parents that these things are out there and to talk to their kids about it," Pitts said. "I think the kids have learned lessons about it and the parents have been supportive."

HAROLD FORD JR.

Distinguished lecture series provides insight to take students beyond the recession

By Philip Gruenwald
Chief Reporter

Former Congressman Harold Ford, Jr. spoke Wednesday as part of the Student Activity Council's distinguished lecture series. Prior to that, he scheduled an exclusive interview with reporters from Northwest's student publications. In this intimate setting, Ford disclosed personal beliefs and ideals about the role of government as well as expounding on topics he would later bring up in his lecture. "This generation has an

incredibly difficult time ahead of them," Ford said. "My message tonight is that we're going to all have to work, but particular 18-22-year-olds are going to have to do the really hard things." The "hard things" Ford is referencing is his answer to the current economic crunch, which he said is a result of "lack of regulation over the last several years and the credit de-



Harold Ford Jr.

fault swaps which allowed these companies to provide financial products without reserves." Ford's call to Northwest came through an agency working closely with the director of Campus Activities, Angel McAdams-Prescott. Several SAC members heard him speak at a student conference last year, and McAdams-Prescott knew he would be a good

fit for the campus. His lecture, "An Evening with Harold Ford, Jr.", was simply an overview of current governmental events, as well as his political ideals. "Given all that's happening in the government right now, I think it will be a really interesting presentation," McAdams-Prescott said in an interview prior to the lecture. Ford's appearance at Northwest comes at a crossroads for him as he weighs out entering the race for a New York Senate seat. He's quick to advocate his viewpoints on nearly every ma-

jor political issue currently facing the country. "This is not a time to be raising taxes," Ford said, saying he's against the Bank Tax and in favor of temporarily lowering the Payroll Tax. Lowering taxes ought to please the community represented at his lecture. The same can't be said for all of Ford's points, given his varied stances and the smorgasbord of listeners in attendance. "Folks that are in the audience may not agree 100 percent with what he's

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FACULTY RETIREMENT

Retiree remembers long, happy career

By **Trey Williams**
Asst. News Editor

In 1974, author Stephen King published his first novel, *Carrie*. Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman in *The Rumble in the Jungle*. President Nixon resigned following the Watergate scandals. And Ruth Macias came to Northwest Missouri State to begin her 35 year-long career.

The feeling last Thursday at Macias' retirement party was not that of regret nor grief, but more like relief.

"I'm ready to just do whatever I want to do," Macias said.

Although Macias said that she is not really going to miss working payroll in the Finance Department, she sat with old friends, co-workers and just those who were interested to reminisce about

her days here.

"Back in the '70s is when mooning was really popular," Macias said chuckling. "At the old library, kids would go by and moon the librarians."

Northwest, now known as the computer, or technology campus, was not always named so. Macias can remember when it was fortunate to be deemed such.

"I can remember when we became known as the computer campus with computers for all the kids, and we didn't have that before" she said.

Macias talked of food riots in the cafeteria, the '79 fire in the Administration Building and changes that came along with the four different University presidents. The cafeteria, she said, was not as nice as what we have now with all of the choices.

"The kids said it was terrible," Macias said. "They didn't like the food that was prepared so they just get after them."

Macias has handled the checks of four Northwest presidents and a number of employees, one of those being Grant Risk Management Analyst Nancy Baxter.

"Since everybody needs a check, she knows just about everyone," Baxter said.

Macias has made many friends in her time here and many of them came to reminisce and tell her just how much she will be missed. Northwest's Controller, Dan Edmonds was one of those many people who came to celebrate with Macias and wish her luck.

"Ruth was a wonderful employee," Edmonds said. "For



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PAYROLL SUPERVISOR RUTH Macias hugs Administration Assistant to the President Claudia Beacom at her retirement party on Thursday. Macias ended her 35 year career at Northwest on Friday.

a good many years she has been very friendly and approachable."

With 35 years behind her, Macias is looking forward to the time she will be able to spend gar-

dening, visiting her children and just doing whatever she wants.

"She has been our little angel all these years," Baxter said. "And she will be missed."

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Five week showing of international films kicks off today

By **Austin Buckner**
News Editor

Movie enthusiasts will get an opportunity to experience international films beginning this week.

The International Film Festival starts at 7 p.m. tonight in Charles Johnson Theater in the Olive Deluce Fine Arts building. One of the organizers of the festival, assistant professor of art Martha Breckenridge, believes the five week festival will be an entertaining way for attendees to gain a greater appreciation for other

cultures, while discovering similarities between themselves and others.

"I think culturally, they'll learn a lot," Breckenridge said. "(Tonight's film) 'Paradise Now' is about two suicide bombers, and so that will give us insight into something which is more than foreign to all of us. I think one of the goals of any kind of intercultural exposure is to remind us that we have differences, but ultimately, we are all one. We are all alike in many more ways than we are different."

Curtis Richardson, assis-

tant professor of history, humanities, philosophy and political science, agrees the movies will be a great way to experience new cultures through the eyes of filmmakers from that culture.

"Oftentimes, what we know about other cultures is superficial," Richardson said. "We'll hear something in the news once in awhile or see a quick image on a television screen and our image, unfortunately, comes from those brief moments of exposure. Films and film industry give you a deeper insight into a

culture – a better understanding."

Breckenridge believes a better understanding of different cultures lies deeper than understanding different races and nationalities.

"I had a film from China that I very much had wanted us to use, but we couldn't get it," Breckenridge said. "It's about a bicyclist riding across China and he's deaf. So there's another, not only national culture, but also a deaf culture issue that can be brought into our awareness. All of these things make us aware."

Breckenridge reminds potential attendees that the festival is not just for Northwest students. She hopes members of the Maryville community and surrounding area will join in the unique learning experience.

"We are really eager to incorporate people outside the University community," Breckenridge said. "In fact, the press releases are going in a 40 mile radius, including St. Joe."

Breckenridge and Richardson hope the success of the inaugural International Film

Festival will spark interest in continuing the event each year or each semester to share new cultures and new filmmaking with the Northwest Missouri area.

"Curtis and I hope to repeat this project," Breckenridge said. "We figure a lot of these films will not have been something the community here will have seen because of the remoteness of Maryville. We're hopeful we're bringing in a sort of infusion of internationalism into Maryville that doesn't have a way to get here elsewhere."



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REAL ESTATE TAXES

Measures being taken to prevent tax

By Brian Johnson
Features Editor

Missourians could be faced with an extra housing tax unless action is taken. Currently, the Missouri Constitution allows real estate transfer taxes on homes and property. This means that when homeowners transfer ownership on their home, a tax is imposed, ultimately costing the homeowner extra taxes. This tax rate can be increased without a vote from the people. Elizabeth Mendenhall, president of the Missouri Association of Realtors, is currently heading up a campaign to adjust the Missouri Constitution to prevent this tax from being collected. “The one place that we have, the one place we call home, that place that’s so sacred to us, they’re trying to tap into it,” Mendenhall

said, talking about the government last Thursday at a Maryville realtors meeting. Mendenhall said that Missouri currently does not collect these transfer taxes, but she fears that they will soon unless action is taken. In other states, these taxes have been imposed for over 20 years, and once the tax is imposed, it can be increased at any time. Mendenhall said that the average increase is 82 percent. At the meeting, Mendenhall reflected on her grandfather, who was also a realtor, and how he was very good at his job and at the end of the day, would go home and take care of his wife who was sick. Her grandmother had one wish while she was sick, to remain at home. Mendenhall stresses the importance of the home in people’s lives and that at the end of the day, everyone

just wants to go home, and that politicians should not be putting extra taxes on these homes. “We need to say yes to no more taxes,” Mendenhall told the realtors at the meeting. Missouri is not the only state that is having these transfer taxes allowed. Thirty-seven states in all have transfer tax allowances on homes and property including commercial property and farmland. “It can range as high as four percent,” Mendenhall said, referring to the rate of the tax. “If you have a \$200,000 house, that can be a \$8,000 tax.” “If you have to finance that tax throughout the course of a mortgage or a loan, that could be a substantial amount and a burden on the property owner.” The campaign is still in the beginning stages and

they are currently collecting signatures for a petition to have an option to amend the Constitution on the November ballot. Over 157,000 signatures will have to be collected, but Mendenhall is hoping that they can get even more. In a survey by the Missouri Association of Realtors, seven of ten Missourians are not in favor of the tax. “We’re on our way,” Mendenhall said. She is also quick to point out that this issue is not affiliated with any political party and that the real issue is about Missouri property ownership. “I think the important thing is transfer taxes are unfair,” Mendenhall said. “Missourians pay thousands and thousands of dollars in property taxes already. It’s important that Missouri remains a place where property and home

TAX FACTS

- Real Estate Transfer Tax - a tax on homeowners when buying and selling a home
- Missouri doesn’t currently collect the tax, but 37 states do
- The Missouri Association of Realtors is trying to adjust the Missouri Constitution so the tax can’t be collected
- Over 157,000 signatures have to be collected to get the bill on the November ballot

ownership is valued and affordable.” For more information on the Missouri Association of Realtors’ initiative, visit www.YesToSaveHomes.com.

PUBLIC WORKS

Construction for two new water towers planned to begin this year

By Cassie Thomas
Chief Reporter

The city of Maryville may have water available in excess come 2011. Maryville will open construction bids on Feb. 24 for two new water towers. Each tower will hold 750,000 gallons of water, which would bring the capacity of Maryville water towers to 2.5 million gallons. One tower will be built on University property south of 16th street and the other will be on E. South Hills Ave., south of the Ford dealership on S. Main Street. Greg Decker, Director of Public Works, says currently the process of bidding is to determine the exact cost and how soon the city could get a contractor hired. The amount of water the city of Maryville will be able to store is a major benefit of this project. “The biggest reason is to have a larger volume of water within the city instead of relying on our treatment plant to pump water into town as it’s being used,” Decker said. Currently, the process of developing a specific timeline for this project is under way, but Decker said that currently the plan is to get construction underway within the next 12 months. The projected completion date to have the two new towers operating is Oct. 1, 2011. The estimated cost is currently set at around 2.5 to 2.6 million dollars. Director of Environmental Services Paul McGraw, was not directly involved in the negotiation process between the city and Northwest over the land, but explains that the land where one of the new towers is to be built is owned by the University. “It will be on the Northwest corner near the Material Distribution Center, probably 100 yards roughly from the building,” McGraw said.

GREAT NORTHWEST DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Northwest region discusses future taxes, science grants

By Philip Gruenwald
Chief Reporter

The collective legislative concerns of the northwest Missouri region were borne by area representatives in Jefferson City Tuesday. An estimated 34 Maryville residents joined with those from 17 neighboring counties to bring about change beneficial to the area. Great Northwest Day enjoys a nine year tradition at Missouri’s capitol. Event co-chair Lee Langerock’s enthusiastic representation of the counties will reflect in future policy implementations across the region.

Among the top impacting bills on the ballot is 1442, known as the “Stacked” or “Local Taxes” Bill. According to the Missouri House of Representatives’ summary, this bill “specifies that the combined rate of sales taxes adopted under the city sales tax law cannot exceed 2 percent.” Nodaway voters are pleased at the state’s intervention threshold. Langerock believes the new mandate will benefit its constituents. Nodaway voters approve of the bill. Langerock believes it will provide clarity for communities already utilizing similar voter-approved


sales taxes for general use and community improvement projects. Another highlight is the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act, Bill 1511. It opens the door to numerous grants, bonds and land acquisition contracts used solely for scientific research and development. “Early this month, the governor announced the initiative to put in place investments for new technology and life sciences,” Langerock explained. “1511 is the bill that goes along with the governor’s suggestion.” Langerock and her fel-

low representatives sorted through the hefty stack of legislature on the table at the visit day. They aim to keep regional job openings on the forefront of state propositions. “Anything that can help our small businesses and encourage business growth we’ll be watching and supporting,” Langerock said, praising 1511’s potential. Between the hearings was the Great Northwest Celebration on Tuesday night. Representatives let loose in a Mardi Gras-themed dinner buffet and party. For three hours, they visited regional and community booths.

“The main event is on Tuesday night, which is a showcase of the northwest Missouri community,” Langerock said. “[State legislators] can identify the communities that are participating and get a feel for northwest Missouri.” Through bills and buffets, the voice of northwest Missouri was heard. Representatives returned home Wednesday. “It’s a terrific event, but it’s really a culmination of thousands of hours in volunteers’ part. It’s one of the top things that legislators and folks look forward to every year,” Langerock said.

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OUR VIEW

Redirecting NASA funding wise for progress

After President Obama’s State of the Union Address, we can gather one major theme of the administration’s priorities - the economy. While this is not a new worry by any means, and tightening the belt has been felt by politicians and the common family alike, the nation is left to wonder to what extent should that belt be tightened. Can we afford to lose some of the initiatives which we view vital or necessary? In some cases, that answer will have

to be no. However, debt is not pretty, and paying off that debt through necessary means certainly is not desirable. But like it or not, it must be paid at some point in time. People are in a hubbub about one closed initiative of the new administration-the Constellation program, which was meant to be a positive part of former President Bush’s legacy. Instead of “Go West, young man”, the sentiment has been to go up in space and

bring a person to the moon once again, a feat we have already accomplished (if you discredit the conspiracy theory, of course). However, we must question the necessity of this program in the face of grave circumstances brought on by a long train of unexpected economic burdens, such as two foreign conflicts and a natural disaster that hit hard. Sure, we can point fingers where we may. However, this does not help. This does

not put money back into the country’s coffers. One way or another, at this point in time or in the future, it must be dealt with. And an easy way of dealing with a tight budget is taking out things that are unnecessary. Any person can certainly relate to this. Going back to the moon is one among many unnecessary initiatives that take up too much time and too much money, especially since no fruit has come from the “over bud-

get and behind schedule” program. But do not fret, America. NASA has not been scrapped. Innovation has not be discarded, rather increased through this brief rewrite of progress. Redirecting funds that go to NASA is a positive step forward. Instead of funding a been-there-done-that program, a slight increase in NASA’s budget to fund research for new technologies will benefit the United States a great deal more in the long run. NASA

has not been forgotten, nor even pushed to the back burner. Instead, funding has been frugally redirected for a win-win situation. In some minds of the general public and members of Congress, this move is a key indicator of giving up our reign over innovation. On the contrary, this shows that we can benefit from other areas in a far better way. This is a message to the world that we are serious in our endeavor of space exploration.

WHAT THE DEUCE

According to CNN, an 18-year-old student and mother have accused three police officers of police brutality in an incident that occurred Jan 12. in Pittsburgh, Penn. The officers claimed the force was used to subdue the young man, Jordan Miles, who they thought was acting suspicious, possibly armed and trying to escape when approached. Miles claims the three men, who were undercover, did not make it clear to him they were police officers and thought he was being abducted. What was thought to be the weapon was a bottle of Mountain Dew. According to The Associated Press, the three officers have been suspended with pay until Miles’ accusations have been investigated. The case has been postponed, but is scheduled to resume Feb. 18.

CARTOON



MY VIEW

Cultural celebration months bring awareness

By **Ame Lambert**
Contributing Columnist

Started by Carter G. Woodson (as Negro History Week) in 1926 to highlight the accomplishments of African Americans absent from textbooks and mainstream celebrations, Black Achievement Month and other cultural celebration months, weeks and days are incredibly important because they provide an opportunity for us to learn about ourselves and others. For those being spotlighted, cultural celebration months provide an opportunity for a group of people, often not adequately or accurately represented in mainstream media and stories, to discover and rediscover who they have been, who they are and who they can be. I believe most of us know that a key piece of our identity is our sense of who ‘our people’ are and were (however we define our people). For example, without diminishing the power and importance of personal effort, perseverance and responsibility, the research tells us that as a 2nd generation college student, I had an easier time of things because my people, in this case my parents, are college graduates. Indeed, many of us spend our lives trying to live up

to, or escape the legacy left by our forebears. Research also shows that a positive cultural identity and self-efficacy are positively correlated. Our people matter. Ok, we get that. But what about those of us who are not being spotlighted in any particular month? What about the argument that sometimes arises about things being skewed because there is no European American history month or Male history month? In 2010, I challenge us to take a different approach. The recent death of Miep Gies (who helped hide Anne Frank and her family) reminds us that the story of the Holocaust *is* about the incredible atrocities committed against the Jewish people *and* about the bravery and courage of Jews and non-Jews alike (some, about 11000 like Miep, who are known as righteous gentiles, i.e. non Jews who risked their lives to help Jews during the Holocaust). I believe the lack of awareness of the role of dominant group members in various non-dominant group struggles for equity creates an imbalanced and awkward dynamic when we come together to discuss societal issues and often-difficult histories. Too often, dominant group members

do not come to the table at all. When they do, it is often fearfully or defensively. Non-dominant groups often come to speak; and rightly so because their voices too often go unheard and unappreciated. But we (as in non-dominant group members) can also often fall into the trap of forgetting to listen. There is no getting around the fact societal discussions are difficult conversations to have. I often say we have to be shocked into seeing our privilege because we walk around totally oblivious to the very different realities and experiences of other people. I know this to be true because I had to be shocked into recognizing that, while most of my central identities (race, ethnicity / national origin and gender) put me in non-dominant groups, I had privilege and /or was seen as normal or right in several areas of my life such as socioeconomic status, religion, sexual orientation and ability). This realization totally altered my view of success, merit and responsibility and changed the way I approach my work. I became more self aware and self-reflective. I also believe or at least hope I developed a little more humility.

MY VIEW

Lesson from Somalia echoes in Afghanistan

Last Thursday, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown hosted a conference in London regarding NATO’s plans in Afghanistan. In attendance were U.S. General Stanley McChrystal, commander of NATO operations in Afghanistan, and Richard Holbrooke, Obama’s special emissary to Afghanistan and Pakistan. According to CTV News, both officials expressed plans to advocate peace and negotiations with Taliban forces. Afghan President Hamid Karzai’s plan of “reconciliation and reintegration” of potential Taliban defectors complements McChrystal and Holbrooke’s strategies. These plans represent a growing trend in emphasizing political action over the use of force to suppress the militant insurgency plaguing Afghanistan. This switch comes nearly nine years after the beginning of the United States’ Operation Enduring Freedom, though it is better late than never.

The Taliban was the power in Afghanistan prior to 2001, and their ranks draw from various Pashtun clans. The Pashtun people represent the largest ethnic group in Afghanistan and have dominated Afghan politics for centuries. It is therefore the appropriate move to include Taliban members in negotiations and going the step further in allowing their involvement in the new Afghan government. This was one of many lessons



Adam Folken
Contributing Columnist

taken from U.S. involvement in the United Nations’ intervention in Somalia. The fall of Said Barre’s regime in 1991 created a power vacuum in Somalia that resulted in vicious inter-clan fighting. The collateral damage was devastating to the Somali people, who suffered the conflict and widespread famine. For the U.N., what began as an international effort to deliver humanitarian aid evolved into a struggle to stabilize and democratize Somalia. General Mohamed Farrah Aidid, with the support of members of his clan - the Habr Gidr - and other militant factions, repeatedly assaulted U.S. and U.N. forces to drive them out of Somalia. Many U.S. and U.N. officials wanted Aidid and his supporters marginalized in the new government. Rather than work with the local power, the U.S. wished to create a more ‘ideal’ system that had little focus on clannism. The attempts to remove Aidid’s influence served to unite Somalis against the U.S., culminating in a humiliating retreat from Somalia. The parallels with the situation in Afghanistan are clear. Local power structures, such as clannism in Somalia and Afghanistan, must be considered when creating a functional government. If powerful players are not given incentive to play the game, they won’t have to.

CAMPUSTALK

Was it wise for President Obama to end the Constellation program?



“I think it would be a bad idea because there may be other things to learn about outer space, and lately they have been finding more things that can explain the universe itself.”

Tanya Patton
History



“It’s important to keep going to space to better our understanding of it.”

Kelley Ables
Wildlife Ecology



“Yes, because funding should be spent here on Earth rather than up there in space.”

Andrew Reed
Therapeutic Recreation



“It may have short term benefits to reduce the space program. Ultimately, there are better choices to cut money from. Cutting NASA’s funding is another way to discourage scientific pursuits, which is not wise at all.”

Christopher Venverloh
Zoology



“It is important to keep going to space to keep expanding our knowledge of what’s out there.”

Catherine Parr
Pre-Professional Zoology

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Jan. 28

Cody J. Scopel, 22, Maryville, disorderly conduct, trespassing, 200 block of W. Second St.

Robert W. Jackson, 22, Maryville, disorderly conduct, trespassing, 200 block of W. Second St.

Matthew R. Parman, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, 300 block of N. Market

Jan. 30

Burglary, ongoing investigation, 300 block of W. Seventh St.

David A. Hall, 18, Grant City, Mo., driving without a valid drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, 200 block of S. Main

Katlynn R. Beiermann, 18, Maryville, under 19 in a bar, minor in possession, 400 block of N. Buchanan

Zachary C. Sherry, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 400 block of N. Buchanan

Jan. 31

Assault, ongoing investigation, 200 block of N. Mulberry

Phillip S. Schmidesk, 47, Prairie Village, Kan., driving while suspended, 1100 block of N. Main

Darien G. Corbin, 17, Chillicothe, Mo., minor in possession, driving without a drivers license, no insurance, 1500 block of N. College Dr.

Daniel J. Martin, Kearney, Mo., failure to comply, providing false information to a police officer, 300 block of E. Fourth St.

Feb. 1

James T. Barrows II, 27, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 200 block of N. Main St.

Recovered property, silverware set, 1100 block N. College Dr.

Larry L. Laun, 62, Gradvois Mills, Mo., code violation, 200 block of N. Avenue

Shanna M. Holman, 27, Braddyville, Mo.,

wanted on warrant-failure to appear, improper registration, 400 block of N. Main

Feb. 2

Wanda L. Friend, 40, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 200 block of W. Twelfth St.

ACCIDENTS

Jan. 28

Betty B. Koerble, 86, Maryville, collided with **William J. Harr**, Maryville, at the intersection of S. Buchanan and W. Thompson

Jan. 31

Amy L. Bohnker, 22, Maryville, collided with **Connie J. Murphy**, 48, Barnard, Mo., at the intersection of N. Market and E. First St.

Amy L. Bohnker, 22, Maryville, careless and imprudent driving, N. Market and E. First St.

Feb. 1

Amber D. Osborn, 20, Maryville, collided with **James L. Lawson**, 76, Maryville, 1200 block of S. Main

FORD: Former congressman shares optimism

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saying, but that's okay," McAdams-Prescott said. "That's the fun part of the lecture series."

A question-and-answer period was opened after the lecture, giving listeners a chance to question or even challenge Ford's complex

political position.

"Banks, though they have every right to, shouldn't gamble with taxpayer dollars," Ford said. Ford supports tax cuts for banks, saying, "This is a time when you need banks lending."

Ultimately, Ford's headstrong optimism was the underlying message through-

out his lecture.

"The economy isn't just going to grow and we aren't going to get out of these projected billion dollar deficits every year unless we're growing again," Ford said. "And the only way to grow again is to kickstart the thing. I just think tax cuts are needed to kickstart it."

OBITUARIES

Virginia J. Eckery
1921-2010
Virginia J. Eckery, 88, of Ravenwood, died on Mon., Feb. 1, 2010 at the St. Francis Hospital.
Born on June 27, 1921 in Isadora, Mo., she was the daughter of the late Willie Clay & Caroline (Ray) Walker.
She was a member of the Ravenwood Christian Church and formerly a member of the Eastern Star of Ravenwood where she held the office of Worthy Matron.
She is survived by two devoted daughters, Barbara Rose Summa, Rayville, Mo., and Carol Ann Heller, Maryville, Mo., sisters, Rosella Lewis, Ravenwood, Jean Brown, Ravenwood, a brother, Donald Walker, Ravenwood in addition 10 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, nine brothers and sisters, Sylvia Merckling, L.B. Walker,

Wilma McClure, Duane Walker, Jenetta Hammer Parker, Joe Walker, Doris Vaughn, Darlene Holiday, Jerard Walker, Arthur Walker and Pauline Gross.
Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 5, 2010 at the Ravenwood Christian Church. Final Resting Place will be in the Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ravenwood. Memorials may be made to Ministry Center, Maryville.
The family will receive friends at the Danfelt Funeral Home, 951 S. Main St., Maryville on Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friends may call after 9 a.m. Thursday.
Terri Ranae Kretzschmer
1961- 2010
Terri Ranae (Hagg) Kretzschmer, 48 of Independence, Mo., died on Sun., Jan. 31, 2010, at Centerpoint Medical Center, Independence.
Born Wed., April 19, 1961


in Maryville, Mo., she was the daughter of Gary and Darlene Vance Hagg. She was united in marriage to Brian Kretzschmer, June 10, 2000 in Nevada, Mo.
She was a 1979 graduate of Nodaway Holt High School, 1984 graduate of NWMSU Practical nursing Program, and 1994 graduate of Park College where she received her Registered Nursing degree. Terri had served for 30 years in the medical profession.
Her survivors include: Husband, Brian, Independence; Parents, Gary and Darlene Hagg, Maryville; one daughter, Veronica Lee Malone, Independence; step son, Matthew Ryan Kretzschmer, and brother, David Alan Hagg, Independence.
Funeral service: 5 p.m., Sat., Feb. 6, Price Funeral Home, Maryville, with cremation to follow.
Visitation: 3-5 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 6, at Price Funeral Home.

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Northwest Missouri State students most memorable games

With commercials, snacks, pizza and friends, we can't forget the entire reason of this yearly celebration: the game. Here are some of Northwest students' favorites:

-Jan. 11, 1970: Super Bowl IV, the Kansas City Chiefs defeated the Minnesota Vikings 23-7. Len Dawson played a close to flawless game, completing 12-17 passes to claim the game's MVP. Freshmen Daniel Hedrick holds on to hope for the Chiefs when looking back at the victory.

"TV shows that it is in fact possible for them to win," Hedrick said.

-January 30, 2000: Super Bowl XXIV, the St. Louis Rams defeated the Tennessee Titans 23-16. The game came down to the last play, where Steve McNair, who led the Titans back from a 16 point deficit, completed a pass to Kevin Dyson, only to be tackled at the one-yard line by Mike Jones. Junior Kyle Hendricks remembers this remarkable game quite well.

"Nobody expected the Rams, especially with Kurt Warner, to make it that far," Hendricks said. "It was one of the best games I had ever seen."

Northwest Missouri State students' most memorable

Super Bowl commercials

Along with the game, the friends, and the soda comes brand new, multi-million dollar commercials. These commercials have dazzled audiences for years and students look back on a few that have stuck out in their heads:

-In the 2009 game the E*Trade baby made another Super Bowl appearance, this time with a companion. The babies poke fun at the rough economy of the time, then claim E*Trade can help the viewer rise above the economic troubles. The babies then proceed to break into song, singing the words "take these broken wings, and learn to fly again." Freshmen Rachel Pickle found the commercial quite comical.

"Who doesn't love a good singing baby?" Pickle said.

-During the 2007 game, the Clydesdale horses showed a less polite side to their audience in a Bud Light ad. A couple is on a date in the horse's carriage, and the man hands the woman a candle while he bends over to grab two Bud Lights. During this time the horse passes gas in the woman's face, lighting the candle on fire. The man then rises and asks "Do you smell barbeque?" Freshmen Bobby Crockett lights up when remembering the ad.

"It was just hilarious," Crockett said.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME.. Football

the game came from the Macintosh Cooperation during the 1984 game. The commercial had an amazing impact on Macintosh sales, and advertisers have been looking to imitate their success during the game ever since. In 2008, Fox Broadcasting charged an estimated \$2.7 million dollars per 30 second ad., according to The New York Times.

Media coverage has evolved, from pre game, to post game, to half time shows. ESPN covers the game for weeks before kickoff, discussing every aspect, who's in, who's out and who they think will win. With this being said, the game has slowly moved further and further back in the calendar, as the NFL's popularity has increased. This year the game will be held on February 7, the latest date in the history of the game. Every talk, news and sports show in America will cover the post game. Athletes from the quarterback to the kicker of the winning team will have an appearance on some sort of show, talking about their victory. The half time shows have experienced quite the roller coaster over the last 44 years. From Janet Jackson to Paul McCartney, millions of dollars are spent on half time entertainment every year.

Enjoy the game Sunday. Celebrate the single biggest annual sporting event, and unofficial American holiday, like you should. Be proud that you live in a country that has adapted so well to an event, that people watch it merely for the advertisements and half time entertainment. Most importantly, be happy to know you will be celebrating the game for years to come, as it continues to grow every year.

-Sophomore Mark Anderson remembers the Tabasco "Mosquito" spot that aired in 1998.

"It was simple and hilarious," Anderson said.

The commercial entailed a man being stung by a mosquito, while eating pizza with Tabasco sauce. After biting the man the mosquito flew off, then exploded, due to the hotness of the sauce.

SUPER BOWL STATS

Most Rushing Yards:

204 Timmy Smith, Washington vs. Denver, XXII

Longest Run from scrimmage:

75 Willie Parker, Pittsburgh vs. Seattle, XL (TD)

Most Rushing Touchdowns:

3 Terrell Davis, Denver vs. Green Bay, XXXII

Most Passing Yards:

414 Kurt Warner, St. Louis vs. Tennessee, XXXIV

Longest Pass:

85 Jake Delhomme (to Muhammad), Carolina vs. New England, XXXVIII (TD)

Most Touchdown Passes:

6 Steve Young, San Francisco vs. San Diego, XXIX

Most interceptions thrown:

5 Rich Gannon, Oakland vs. Tampa Bay, XXXVII

Most receiving yards gained:

215 Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, XXIII

Most Receiving Touchdowns:

3 Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Denver, XXIV; vs. San Diego, XXIX

Most field goals:

4 Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
Ray Wersching, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, XVI

Most Sacks:

3.0 Reggie White, Green Bay vs. New England, XXXI
Darnell Dockett, Arizona vs. Pittsburgh, XLIII

Most Wins (coach):

4 Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh, IX-X, XIII-XIV

Most Appearances (coach):

6 Don Shula, Baltimore, II; Miami, VI-VIII, XVII, XIX

Most Appearances (team):

8 Dallas, V-VI, X, XII-XIII, XXVII-XXVIII, XXX

Most consecutive appearances (team):

4 Buffalo, XXV-XXVIII

Most wins (team):

6 Pittsburgh, IX-X, XIII-XIV, XL, XLIII

*all facts according to nfl.com

STROLLER

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Surely you’ve noticed the huge, abandoned building on Main Street, sitting vacant since Wal-Mart moved into their new “Supercenter” building a few years ago.

Now that Maryville has established itself as a soon-to-be-booming metropolis by acquiring both a Walgreens and a Taco Bell, isn’t it time we find something useful to do with such a vast, unutilized space? More than sixty thousand square feet of potential are just sitting there, waiting for an idea-man, such as myself, to bring them to life.

Here’s the situation: according to a listing online, the building is going for a measly \$1.24 million. It sounds like a lot at first, but let’s just ponder some

possibilities. Here are three, off the top of my head:

1. The owners torch the building and collect the insurance money (otherwise known as “the official Long John Silver’s business model”). It’s not my favorite option, but it’s better than letting it sit there taking up space.

2. Dozens of Maryville shops form a partnership and purchase the building, combining their powers to create the “Mega-zord” of local small businesses. Together, they crush the evil empire of retail, ironically using their old building against them.

3. The students of Northwest each chip in about \$300 to buy the building and convert it into a giant roller skating rink, and we’ll

have birthday parties there every night (even when it’s not anybody’s birthday), with cake served on Spiderman plates.

We’ll play “Wanna Be A Baller” by Lil’ Troy and we’ll have a special room in the back where we can play spin the bottle and talk about which guy totally has the hots for Amber (I bet it’s Brad).

When we get tired of skating, we can install a go-kart track. When we get tired of that, we’ll make it a hockey stadium, and have curling on Sunday



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afternoons.

When we get tired of that, we’ll torch the building, collect the insurance money and distribute the cash back to a thoroughly entertained, yet financially no-worse-for-the-wear student body.

Think about it, Maryville. I’ll be in my trailer.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

What is your Super Bowl prediction?



“Saints. Because the Saints haven’t won a Super Bowl and they are determined.”

Hannah Briggs
Spanish



“Colts will win because they have the greatest quarterback of all time statistically, and they have one of the top defenses. Plus the Saints are inconsistent.”

Carl Stafford
Speech/Theatre/ Education



“Peyton Manning will kick the crap out of the Saints.”

Megan Totusek
Broadcasting



“The Colts because my friend Thomas said so. I don’t really watch football.”

Travis Serkinds
English

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Brian “The Bulldog’s” picks Prediction record (1-5) Superbowl

New Orleans vs Indy — Saints

If you would have asked me last week I would have said Indy. As the week has gone by my feelings have started to change. New Orleans wants this Super Bowl bad. I first thought the Colts because I think they are the better team, but sometimes the better team doesn’t win. I’m not saying Peyton Manning and the boys don’t have heart. I just think the Saints want it more. There’s going to be two Mardi Gras this year.

NCAA Lock

Tennessee at Vandy — Vols

After beating Kansas, the Vols have showed what they can really do.

NCAA Upset

Nebraska at Kansas — Big Red

Watch your back Kansas, the Big Red is coming. Who cares about basketball. It’s Super Bowl time.

Jason’s Picks Prediction record (3-3) Superbowl

New Orleans vs Indy — Colts

It’s hard to bet against Peyton Manning. The guy is just a winner. I really want to see New Orleans succeed, but something tells me Peyton is more worried about getting a second ring.

NCAA Lock

Kansas at Texas — JAYHAWKS

Back to No. 1, the ‘Hawks are riding high after demolishing Mizzou in Lawrence and taking down the Wildcats in Manhattan. Sherron Collins will lead the team to victory because he refuses to lose. This game will separate the top Big 12 teams.

NCAA Upset

South Carolina at Tenn. — SC

Two words: Devan Downey. He single-handedly broke Kentucky’s press and dropped 30 points. Tennessee isn’t near as good, but Downey is.

Tony’s Picks Prediction record (3-3) Superbowl

New Orleans vs Indy — Colts

OK, I’m sorry Brees. Yes, I was faithful to you all season during Fantasy Football and you did earn me a third place finish. Unfortunately, Manning would have brought me the Championship. Indy wins a shootout.

NCAA Lock

Villanova at Georgetown — ‘Nova

Is it just me, or has Villanova been just about the quietest No. 2 team in the nation? With all the top teams falling, it’s only a matter of time Nova asserts itself into the discussion of who deserves No. 1? Georgetown has struggled at times this year in big games. Nova should keep going strong as March Madness begins to show its chaotic head.

NCAA Upset

Purdue at Michigan St. — Purdue

I guess if anyone in the Big Ten is going to beat Izzo and the Spartans, it might as well be the Boilermakers.

Dustin’s Picks Prediction record (3-3) Superbowl

New Orleans vs Indy— N.O.

With Dwight Freeny most likely out for the game the Colts are going to have a hard time stopping Brees and the powerful Saints offense. I know Peyton is a winner but he doesn’t stand a chance when the Saints offense just can’t be stopped.

NCAA Lock

’Nova at West Va. — ‘Nova

’Nova has been on a tear ever since their loss to Temple and is undefeated in the best conference in college basketball, and show no signs of stopping.

NCAA Upset

Purdue at Mich. St. — Purdue

The Boilermakers kicked off the season 14-0, then hit a snag with a four game losing streak but they have righted the boat with four wins and will go into East Lansing and knock off the Spartans.

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WRESTLING



SENIOR TYLER HAYSE pins Omaha South's sophomore Jordan Hendrickson in the first period. Hayse finished third in the 215 class.

'Hounds place second at Quad State

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

For the second week in a row, the Spoofhounds placed as the tournament runner up, finishing behind Millard South (Neb.) during the Quad State tournament.

The 'Hounds placed five wrestlers in the top three while crowning two individual champions. Dannen Merrill, 130 lbs. weight class, and Bryce Alexander, 160 lbs., pinned all three of their opponents.

Alexander earned his title by pinning Millard South's Tyler Stender midway through the second period. Stender was the No. 3 ranked wrestler in Nebraska's Class A coming into the tournament.

Merrill won by a fall, seconds before the second period ended, over Cameron's Dakota Goll.

"I think they (Merrill

and Alexander) did what is expected of them," head coach Joe Drake said. "We put high expectations on those two and winning is part of it. Winning by pin is even more important."

The 'Hounds other medal winners were sophomore Matt Barnett (140), junior Will Twaddle (145) and senior Tyler Hayse (215).

While the champion's six pins helped clinch second place, their efforts were not enough to overcome Millard South's tournament dominance. The Patriots placed 13 of 14 wrestlers in the top three spots, including five individual champions.

"Millard South is in the biggest class in Nebraska," Drake said. "Two years ago they won it (State Championship), last year they were second and this year they are ranked third. They are a

powerhouse team. They are bigger and kind of an out-of-our-league school, but it gives us good competition and that's what we need to see as we get ready for districts."

Merrill expects nothing less than the level of competition he and his teammates have constantly been facing in recent tournaments.

"Whenever you can wrestle tougher competition, it's always better for the team," Merrill said. "It gives them a harder match and shows either if you have it or not, and what you need to do to get better. It always helps. Even if you have a tough match and win, it still makes you better no matter what."

The 'Hounds will see a barrage of tough opponents this weekend as the majority of their district will compete in a 12-team dual tournament at Albany.

SPOOFHOUNDS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

'Hounds escape potential threat at Lathrop

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

The Lady Spoofhounds showed a night and day difference from their dominant win over Savannah on Friday to their narrow 61-58 victory Monday at Lathrop.

"We were a little unprepared, a little unmotivated," head coach Grant Hageman said. "Lathrop came out and they were looking to push the ball hard and we just weren't quite ready for the first half. We kind of got caught on our heels and we never really recovered after the first half."

The 'Hounds did manage to salvage a 27-27 tie going into halftime.

During the intermission, Hageman told his players they had to step up after finding themselves in a position they had discussed prior to tip off. He said that the game against Lathrop posed as a threat due to factors including the big emotional win the Friday before, a long bus

ride and the short recovery time from Friday's game to Monday's road trip.

After leaving the locker room for the second half, Hageman said he felt the team got the message and learned their lesson from the rocky start.

"We played better in the second half, but the problem was Lathrop had so much confidence from the first half, so much momentum," Hageman said. "It's hard to stop a team on their home floor. Their crowd was into it and we didn't have a whole lot of people there. Not a lot of people are going to come to Lathrop for a Monday game. We were fighting all those factors and we played better, stepped up, and had some seniors hit some big shots."

Senior Meridee Scott led all the scorers with a game-high 21 points, while junior Molly Stiens contributed 16 points. Scott scored 15 of her points from three-point land.

"Molly was one of the

few girls who didn't have a 'deer in the headlights' look in the first half," Hageman said. "She hit four shots in the second quarter that kept us in the game."

Lathrop's defense was able to hold Scott to four points going into halftime, but soon found out what the all-state point guard was capable of.

"In the second half she knew she was going to have to step up and hit some shots when they presented themselves and she did," Hageman said. "She got some open shots and knocked them down. Then we ran some plays for her when she got hot and the team executed great and got her the ball where she could score. She did what she does."

The 'Hounds now turn their attention to a tough conference stretch, starting with Smithville and Alex Olson.

Maryville hosts Smithville Wednesday evening at home with Junior Varsity playing first at 5:30.

BOYS: Spoofhounds look to keep improving

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pressure on them, got some steal and some transition points. I thought our dribble penetration was better in the fourth quarter as well against their zone."

The 'Hounds only have six games remaining in the regular season and hope to continue to improve before

they make their run at the post season.

Next the 'Hounds will take the court at 5:30 p.m. Friday night against the Smithville Warriors in Smithville, Mo.

"I still don't think we are as good as we need to be," Kuwitzky said. "The ideal perfect world is we are peaking at the right time, at the end of the year.

We aren't there yet. We still have lots of areas we need to improve on. I think they know it. We've got to get better as a team. In most areas we are playing well, but we are going to have to keep working. We'll get better day-to-day with practice and practice. I think they know we aren't at our peak yet. Against great teams it'll show."



Elijah Allen



Junior forward Elijah Allen recorded his ninth 20 point outing of the season by dropping a game-high 24 points in a 62-59 upset of No. 3 Fort Hays State. He scored 11 points in the first half to keep the Bearcats in the game. He was 10-12 from the charity stripe, helping seal the win.

Gentry Dietz



Junior post Gentry Dietz exploded for a career-high 37 points in Northwest's 75-54 pounding of Fort Hays State on Saturday. She also recorded 16 rebounds. Dietz's 37 is the third most in women's program history and fourth highest total in the history of Bearcat Arena for men or women.

Meridee Scott



Senior point guard Meridee Scott hit five threes in Maryville's 61-52 win over Lathrop on Monday night. Scott scored a game-high 21 points in a contest that featured 13 combined three-pointers. The win moves the Spoofhounds to 10-2 on the season.

Maryville Basketball

Maryville



Basketball

The Maryville boys' basketball team is coming off of a 76-32 beat down of East Buchanan. The Spoofhounds defeated Bishop LeBlond 61-40 on Tuesday night. Senior Keenan Joiner put up 17 points and 11 rebounds. Fellow senior Adam Thomson scored a team-high 18.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Freshman lead ‘Cats to colossal upset

By Jason Lawrence
Sports Editor

Freshmen Deshaun Cooper and Bryston Williams came through with the biggest shots of the day, securing the Bearcats’ 62-59 victory over No. 3 Fort Hays State.

“It was great. It was much better to do it tonight,” head coach Ben McCollum said. “I thought tonight was our most unselfish game of the year. We were consistent throughout and no one cared who got the glory. That’s why we won the game.”

With 1:13 remaining in the game, Williams hit a three from the corner to put the ‘Cats up 58-57.

“Coach drew it up in the huddle and I knew how Girod (Adams) was going to come off that screen and I knew if my guy was going to help, I just had to shoot it with confidence,” Williams said. “It went in.”

Fort Hays answered, but Cooper got into the lane and got

fouled and hit both free throws to seal the win.

“I was cold, I didn’t take that many shots throughout the game,” Cooper said. “I had to come in and just focus on the free throws. I thought about the drills we do in practice and I didn’t want to run for it, so I just knocked them down.”

Williams hit two more free throws and Fort Hays’ two three-point attempts missed the mark in the closing seconds.

Neither team scored a field goal for the first four minutes of the game, with the only points coming via free throws.

“That’s kind of their style, it’s our style too,” McCollum said. “We’re starting to grind it out and not play as fast. That seemed to help control the ball and the tempo.”

Both teams got it going and the Tigers held a 30-28 lead at halftime.

Junior forward Elijah Allen led the ‘Cats with 11 points.

To open the second half, the Tigers went on a quick 6-2

run before McCollum called a time out.

The Bearcats went on their own 8-0 run to begin a streak of 17 minutes of back and forth.

“We maintained our composure and kept the momentum going,” McCollum said. “We controlled the ball and didn’t turn it over a bunch.”

Allen scored a game-high 24 points, his ninth 20-point game this season, to lead the Bearcats.

“He means a lot,” McCollum said. “He works hard everyday in practice and gets after it. I can’t say enough good things about him.”

Northwest played Nebraska-Omaha last night in Omaha. Results were not available as of press time.



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THE ‘CATS CELEBRATE their 62-59 victory over No. 3 Fort Hays State on Saturday. The ‘Cats will battle Pitt. State in Pittsburg, Kan. on Feb 6.

The ‘Cats hit the road again Saturday to take on Pittsburg St. at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Pittsburg, Kan.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MEN’S STATISTICS

Northwest		Fort Hays
62	Points	59
42.2	Field Goal pct.	36.2
28	Rebounds	40
8	Assists	11
28.6	Three point pct.	12.5
11	Turnovers	12
7	Steals	4
78.6	Free throw pct.	78.9
2	Blocks	4

WOMEN’S STATISTICS

Northwest		Fort Hays
75	Points	54
41.4	Field Goal pct.	27.9
54	Rebounds	35
15	Assists	9
23.5	Three point pct.	31.3
18	Turnovers	19
13	Steals	9
92.9	Free throw pct.	75
8	Blocks	3

MEN’S STANDINGS

School	MIAA	Overall
1. Central Mo.	12-1	19-1
2. Fort Hays St.	11-1	17-2
3. South Baptist	8-4	17-5
8. Northwest	5-8	10-10

WOMEN’S STANDINGS

School	MIAA	Overall
1. Emporia St.	12-1	19-1
2. Washburn	10-3	16-3
3. Pittsburg St.	8-5	10-10
4. Fort Hays St.	7-5	14-5
6. Northwest	7-6	11-9

TRACK AND FIELD

Multi-eventers step up at Doane Invitational

By Jason Lawrence
Sports Editor

Senior pentathlete Emily Churchman picked up right where she left off in last year’s outdoor season.

“I think the main thing was establishing Emily as definitely going to the nation meet,” head coach

Scott Lorek said. “We’ve been working on a lot of things...The changes that have occurred have all been very good.”

Churchman won the pentathlon and broke her own school record at the Doane Kip Janvrin Multi Events in Crete, Neb.

Churchman bested her previous record by 73

points and picked up three first place finishes and finished second in the other two events, tallying 3,614 points.

Senior Johanna Avilez placed third with a score of 3,084.

Avilez set personal records in the 800-meter run, 55-meter hurdles and the high jump.

“She put some things together and probably had the best high jump of her career,” Lorek said.

The men got a strong performance from freshman Seth Staashelm, who set season-bests in all seven events. He finished ninth overall with 4,367 points.

“I think he’s looking forward to some great

things in his future,” Lorek said.

The Bearcats travel to Warrensburg, Mo., this weekend to take part in the Central Missouri Mule Relays after having last weekend off.

The women compete Friday at 11:30 a.m. and the men hit the track Saturday at 11:30 a.m.



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BOEH SISTERS



illustration by brittany keithley | design editor photo by seth cook | editor in chief ALEXIS AND CANDACE Boeh pose with members of their respective sororities. The twins juggle their freshmen year on campus with basketball and greek life.

Twins find two new families freshman year

By Brian Bosiljevac
Univ. Sports Editor

Freshmen year can always be a little overwhelming, intimidating and nerve-racking, but two freshmen girls don't have any time to let that effect them.

Alexis and Candace Boeh came to college knowing it was going to be difficult balancing school and basketball.

"It's been really great," Candace said. "Ever since we were little we've wanted to play college basketball together. We've constantly been competing with each other to make each other better."

The six-foot one-inch identical twins came to Northwest after head basketball coach Gene Steinmeyer recruited the two to come to play post for the Bearcats.

"You could tell that they had a lot of great post skills," Steinmeyer said. "They had the strength to play college basketball. Everyone has to get refined when they get to college because it's a lot easier to play post in high school, but when you are facing

six footers (and taller) players day in and day out it's a challenge. But they are smart kids and strong kids. I thought they had a lot of the things you look for when you look for a college post player."

After suffering from a lack of depth at the post position the previous season, Steinmeyer couldn't pass up on the two-for-one special with the Boeh sisters.

"If you look back, where would we be if we didn't beat Truman? Gentry (Dietz) missed that game," Steinmeyer said. "Alexis and Candace had to hold down the fort that day and did very well. They don't get a lot of minutes, but when you have a player like Gentry it's hard, but their day will come."

Alexis leads the sisters in minutes played and points scored. She has played 183 minutes this season and scored 53 points.

Candace has gathered 70 minutes of playing time, resulting in 18 points.

"I wouldn't say we are critical of each other," Alexis said. "We definitely like to compete though.

I think competition is what helps us. During the games we are each other's biggest fans and hope each other does well."

When it comes to handling the basketball, Alexis is stronger, Steinmeyer said. When it's rebounding the 'Cats need, Candace gets the nod.

The twins come off the bench to give rest to the team's leading scorer. Dietz is averaging 16 points a game. In the Bearcats' last outing, Dietz scored a career high 37 points against Fort Hays State.

"I feel like she is more of our big sister," Candace said. "She is always there asking if we want to do extra shooting in the gym. She's extremely hard working and is always there to give us advice."

Dietz isn't the only sister the twins have stumbled across..

Along with balancing basketball and school, Alexis and Candace added the responsibilities of Greek Life to their juggling act.

"We went through recruitment to see what it was all about and both found a sorority we

really liked," Alexis said. "I can honestly say it's been one of our best decisions so far, because we have met so many people."

Alexis is a member of Phi Mu, while Candace chose Alpha Sigma Alpha.

It appears the twins had their priorities straight when selecting sororities.

Phi Mu won the intramural basketball championship last season against none other than Alpha Sigma Alpha.

The twins got a laugh out of predicting who would take intramural supremacy, but both are excited to be the ones in the crowd doing the cheering.

While the twin's sorority sisters will be battling in the Rec Center, Alexis and Candace will be lacing them up as the Bearcats try climbing the MIAA ranks.

"Freshmen year has been a blast," Alexis said. "I think it's really cool being able to experience everything. We love playing basketball and it's been amazing an experience getting to know not only my sorority sisters, but Candace's too."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Juniors' career day keeps 'Cats in tourney race

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

Only six games remain on the women's basketball schedule, but every one counts.

"There are seven games left and there isn't one you can't call big the rest of the way," Steinmeyer said. "Depending on what we do here in the last seven game we could go anywhere from third place to ninth place. Ninth place isn't where we want to be, but it's still a good possibility. So every win is huge. We'll cherish every win."

The Bearcats (11-9, 7-6) are coming off a redemption game against Fort Hays State.

On Dec. 9 the Tigers handed Northwest a 10-point loss on the road.

Saturday, the 'Cats were given a chance for payback and they took advantage of it.

The 'Cats took a 21-point victory from the Tigers, who hold a one-game advantage over Northwest in the MIAA standings. The 'Cats won 75-54.

After a four game stretch of sophomore Abby Henry leading the 'Cats in scoring head coach Gene Steinmeyer was looking for a little more balance on offense.

"We needed balance," Steinmeyer said. "In the games where Abby was scoring all those points some games we'd have balance and in some we wouldn't. Abby scores 14 and has a couple steals and a few assists and no one notices. She also held the MIAA's leading scorer to 11 points, but nobody even talks about Abby."

Steinmeyer wanted balance and he got it.

Junior Gentry Dietz took over for the 'Cats, scoring a career high 37 points, only two off the program record of 39 set by Kelly Leintz in 1988.

"I just stopped thinking so much," Dietz said. "The last few games I've been struggling and I didn't fully believe in my shot. I tried just to slow down and go after offensive rebounds and I got lucky. They were trying to sneak in on Abby and that gave me a better chance to go one on one to the basket. I just took it right at them."

Freshman Ashley Thayer also had a career night. She scored a career-high 12 points in the 'Cat's victory.

The 'Cats played Nebraska-Omaha on Wednesday. Results of the game were unavailable at press time.

Northwest took a 10-point victory over the Mavericks earlier this season, but won't be looking past this road game.

Following the game in Omaha, Neb., the 'Cats will stay on the road to take on Pittsburg State.

As the regular season begins to come to an end Steinmeyer is keeping his team focused on the task at hand.

"If they are focused on anything other than UNO they are in trouble, but the mind only works in one direction," Steinmeyer said. "It better not be working in any other direction than north of here."

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Post duo guides 'Hounds to victory

By Brian Bosiljevac
Univ. Sports Editor

The Spoofohound boys' basketball team etched another 'W' in the win column Tuesday night.

The 'Hounds have rebounded nicely since their second loss of the season against Lafayette.

After a 76-32 trouncing of East Buchanan, the 'Hounds put up a 61-40 win over Bishop LeBlond.

The 'Hounds continue

to thrive behind the efforts of their two big men.

Keenan Joiner posted a double-double against LeBlond with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Joiner's counterpart Adam Thomson led the 'Hounds in scoring with 18 points.

"They are having a great year for us," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "They did have another big night for us tonight. So, that was real good. We are striving

to have a balanced attack, shoot well outside with our guards and then our bigs can score inside. That's what we are still striving for, but yeah we had a little size advantage tonight and I thought we exploited it pretty well."

The two Maryville guards combined for 20 points. Josh Elliott scored 12 points and Tyler Peve recorded eight of his own.

Even with the balanced attack from the 'Hounds

it was Bishop LeBlond's Andrew Nellestein who led all scorers with 29 points.

After a slow third quarter on defense, the 'Hounds picked it up in the fourth quarter to lock down the victory.

"I thought the defense picked up," Kuwitzky said. "It was really good and I think that is what turned the game around for us. We started to really put



photo by hilary dohrman | missourian photographer SENIOR JOSH ELLIOTT weaves through Bishop LeBlond to the basket. Elliott scored 12 points in their 61-40 victory Tuesday night.